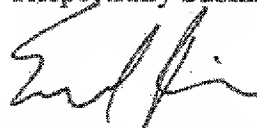


1                    CONCLUSION

2                    All pending claims 1-40 are in condition for allowance. Applicant  
3 respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt issuance of the subject  
4 application. If any issues remain that prevent issuance of this application, the  
5 Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned attorney before issuing a subsequent  
6 Action.

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